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## Alaska Chapter News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be December 2, 2017. The Chapter will be hosting the party again this year at Embassy Suites in Anchorage. If you are interested in hotel accommodations, the Embassy Suites can be reached at 907-332-7000. The Chapter has secured a room block, so please be sure and ask for the Holiday rate of \$109.00 for the NECA party. You may also book online if you are only staying Saturday night, by following this link: <http://group.embassysuites.com/NECA>

The nominating committee, appointed by President Scott Bringmann, met and the following were nominated to fill the five (5) vacancies on the Board of Directors.

#### Anchorage

Scott Bringmann	Alcan Electrical & Engineering Inc
Mark McKinney	Hot Wire LLC

#### Fairbanks

Lael Fullford	Fullford Electric Inc
Dave Kezer	Sturgeon Electric Company Inc

#### Juneau

Jerry Gabor	Ever Electric Inc
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Prior to voting at the annual meeting, nominations will be called for from the floor for eligible write-in candidates.

If you are unable to attend, please refer to NECAGram N17-18 for the details on sending your proxy.

### 2017 Annual NECA Verification

## Events

11/23/17  
Thanksgiving Day

12/02/17  
Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage  
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12/25/17  
Christmas Day

**Tentative 2018  
Calendar of Events:**

01/01/18  
New Year's Day

01/10/18  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

02/14/18  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

02/19/18  
President's Day

03/14/18  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

It's time once again to update your firm's membership records with NECA National and the AK Chapter. A notice with the information that is currently on file has been sent to your firm's accredited representative. This verification process MUST be completed with the National office by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please return your firm's information to Michelle at [michelle@alaskaneca.org](mailto:michelle@alaskaneca.org), prior to that important deadline.

Your accredited representative is also able to go directly to your company's membership profile online at [www.necanet.org](http://www.necanet.org) year-round and make changes.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. The House Ways and Means Committee completed its work on H.R.1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Before passing the legislation out of committee by a party-line vote of 24-16, Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) offered a second manager's amendment. Meanwhile the Senate Finance Committee introduced a summary draft and detailed description of their version of the bill. There are several major differences between the House and Senate bills detailed in a PowerPoint we have prepared.
2. NECA sent a letter of support for H.R.3043 the Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017, which was introduced by Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA). This bill would allow the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to consolidate the multiagency licensing process for hydropower projects. Additionally, the bill would speed the consideration of hydropower applications and would increase to 15 percent, from 7.5 percent, the share of electricity used by the federal government that should come from renewable sources, including hydropower.
3. As a member of the Transportation Construction Coalition, NECA sent a letter to the Senate Finance committee in support of maintaining the tax-exempt status for Private Activity Bonds (PABs). NECA also submitted formal comments to the Federal Highway Administration in support of the proposed repeal of requirements for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)-based greenhouse gas (GHG) performance measurement and management.

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If you have not yet contributed to NECAPAC for 2017 there is still time! You can ask the Chapter for an NECAPAC

04/11/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

05/09/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

05/28/18  
**Memorial Day**

06/13/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

07/04/18  
**Independence Day**

07/11/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

08/08/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting**

08/09/18  
**NECA Open at  
Anchorage Golf Course**

09/03/18  
**Labor Day**

09/12/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

09/29-10/02/18  
**2018 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
Philadelphia, PA**

10/10/18  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

11/11/18  
**Veteran's Day**

contribution form at the upcoming meeting Saturday, December 2, 2017, or click on "Learn More" below to contribute online.

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## Tell Congress to Repeal the Cadillac Tax

In 2020, plans that provide generous benefits (aka "Cadillac plans") will be unjustly subject to an excise tax of 40 percent of the value of the excess benefits (effective January 1, 2020).

A "Cadillac plan" is one whose benefits are valued at \$10,200 per year per individual or \$27,500 per family. This will penalize employers who do the right thing by hitting them with extraordinarily high taxes on employer-provided insurance plans that offer quality coverage to their employees.

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## Education & Training

### New Online Topics for Project Managers Released

The first three online training topics developed specifically for the new NECA Learning Center are now available. Recently announced at the NECA 2017 Board of Governors Meeting, these programs are free to NECA members. Each on-demand topic runs about 15 minutes in length and are the first in a series that will dive deep into the everyday tasks of a project manager.

The below are available free to NECA members. *All participants must have a profile in the NECA membership database, with a unique email, to register.*



- [The Role of the Electrical Project Manager](#)

Electrical contracting firms live and die by the skills and abilities of their project managers. Whether you have come up through the field or straight from an educational institution, this course provides insight into the role of the electrical project manager.



- [Introduction to Preplanning](#)

11/14/18

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By developing a plan for the crew size and structure, tools, equipment, materials, project controls, schedule and logistics prior to the start of the job or task, preplanning helps you improve the bottom line and deliver quality projects on time. *This brief introduction will be followed by seven additional courses to be released Winter 2017.*



- [Introduction to Change Orders](#)

Change orders are inevitable, and how the project manager handles those change orders makes all of the difference on the project. This course provides background on why change orders occur and standard processes you should take when handling them.

*NECANet.org login is required to view these courses, please contact [education@necanet.org](mailto:education@necanet.org) with questions.*

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## OSHA's Electronic Reporting Deadline Fast Approaching

The deadline for employers to electronically submit 2016 OSHA 300A summary form information to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) is **Friday, December 1, 2017.**

Visit the OSHA Recordkeeping and Injury Reporting website and click on the Launch Injury Tracking Application (ITA) button to log in to submit your information by the deadline.

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## eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, the special safety site available through NECA's website addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related weekly toolbox safety talks to employees.

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